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GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 20TH MARCH, 1946, at **5.30 p.m.**

AGENDA

1. Confirmation of the Proceedings of the General Meeting held on 6th March, 1946.
2. Recommendations of candidates for Fellowship.
3. Announcement of election of new Fellows.
4. The following additions have been made to the Library :

Presented.

Temple, V. : *Butterflies and Moths in Britain.* 8vo. London (1946).

Lameere, A. : *Précis de Zoologie.* Tome VII. 8vo. Paris, 1942. [The author.]

Ris, F. : Libellen (Odonata) aus der Region der amerikanischen Kordilleren von Costarica bis Catamarca. *Arch. Naturg.* **82** (A) (9) : 1–197, 1918. [Mr. J. E. H. Roberts.]

Massee, A. M. : *The pests of fruit and hops.* 2nd edition. 8vo. London, 1945. [The author.]

Schouteden, H. : Heteroptera : Pentatomidae. 4 pts. *Genera Insectorum.* [Dr. A. M. Massee.]

In addition, separates have been presented by Prof. F. Silvestri.

5. Admission of Fellows.
6. Communications.

(1) **The Secretary on behalf of Mr. H. H. Patrick.**

Two aberrations of *Abraxas grossulariata* L.

[Abstract.]

A specimen of ab. *nigrosparsata* Raynor and of a modification of ab. *hazeleighensis* Raynor were bred in Coventry in 1945. Ab. *nigrosparsata* occurs sporadically all over the country, but, like ab. *hazeleighensis*, a recessive, occurs more commonly in the North. Photographs of the specimens will be shown.

(2) **Mr. F. L. Vanderplank.**

Intermating subspecies of the Tsetse-Flies *Glossina palpalis palpalis* R.-D. (from Nigeria), *G. p. martinii* Zumpt (from Lake Tanganyika), and *G. p. fuscipes* Newstead (from Uganda).

[Abstract.]

Two subspecies of *Glossina palpalis*, namely *martinii* and *fuscipes*, occur at the extreme south-easterly and north-easterly parts of the area in which the species is found. Specimens of these have been mated and crossed with each other, and with a third subspecies *G. p. palpalis* from Nigeria. Although in most combinations mating takes place immediately, when female *p. palpalis* and female *p. fuscipes* are mated with male *p. martinii* they are invariably killed by the male claspers piercing the female abdomen. This also happens when male *p. palpalis* is mated with female *p. fuscipes*.

(3) Communications and exhibits the titles of which have been received since the circulation of these agenda.

Fellows are particularly requested to bring suitable exhibits to the General Meetings even though it may not be possible to announce their intention to do so before the meeting.

Tea will be served in the Library before the meeting.

NOTICE.

Fellows are reminded that papers for which they are anxious to secure early publication can now be published with very little delay in *Proceedings*, provided they do not exceed a length of some eight printed pages.

Proceedings of the General Meeting held on 6th March, 1946.

Professor G. D. Hale Carpenter, M.B.E., D.M., President, in the Chair.

Present, 46 Fellows and 8 Visitors.

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th February were confirmed and signed by the President.

The President announced that Prof. A. da Costa Lima, Escola Nacional de Agronomia, Universidade Rural, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, had been elected an Honorary Fellow of the Society.

The names of the following candidates for election were read :—For the first time : E. W. Aubrook, M. Bates, P. W. E. Currie, R. G. Donald, R. T. Harper, Skat Hoffmeyer, D.D., F. J. Howe, Capt. D. S. Kettle, and T. R. Sandrasagara.

For the second time : E. W. Bentley, Rev. H. E. J. Biggs, G. F. Burnett, J. H. Ford, Major C. T. Lloyd, D.Sc., Ph.D., R. Lovell, and F. L. Vanderplank.

The Secretary announced that the following had been elected Fellows of the Society :—C. H. Barber, Chisley, Southbank Road, Hereford; K. E. P. Braid, 125, Sandringham Crescent, South Harrow, Middx.; J. F. Gates Clarke, Ph.D., B.S., M.S., Division of Insects, U.S. National Museum, Washington 25, D.C., U.S.A.; H. M. Collier, 11, Greenbank Road, Darlington, Co. Durham; Capt. C. N. Colyer, R.A., 8, Canning Court, Newnham Road, London, N. 22; Clifford Craufurd, Denny, Galloway Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts; Major J. N. Eliot, R.A., c/o Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Cox's & King's Branch, 6, Pall Mall, London, S.W. 1; G. P. Freshfield, Roseneath, Hallam Road, Clevedon, Somerset; Capt. E. Rivenhall Goffe, Winton Cottage, King's Somborne, Hants; J. H. Grundy, Pendleton House, 41, Villiers Road, Southall, Middx.; J. Hadjinicolaou, M.Sc., Dept. Entomology, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street (Gower Street), London, W.C. 1; J. R. Harris, 3, Connaught Place, Clonskeagh, Dublin; J. W. H. Lawson, B.Sc., Macbrayne Hall, 11, Park Circus Place, Glasgow, C. 3; Lt. Barth A. Maina, Dept. of Zoology, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.; W. Mellers, School House, Bodenham, Hereford; R. E. M. Pilcher, M.A., M.B., F.R.C.S., 39, Spilsby Road, Boston, Lincs; T. Ramachandra Rao, M.Sc., Dept. Entomology, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street (Gower Street), London, W.C. 1; V. Ramakrishna, B.Sc., Malaria Section, Medical Department, Bengal–Nagpur Railway, Calcutta, India; K. M. White, 25, Tavistock Drive, Nottingham.

Thanks were voted to donors of gifts to the Library since the last meeting.

Mr. A. O. Rowden, Mrs. E. W. Howarth, Mr. D. G. Ashby and Capt. C. N. Colyer signed the Obligation Book and were admitted Fellows of the Society.

Communications were made by Mr. H. K. Airy Shaw, Professor G. D. Hale Carpenter, M.B.E., and Mr. G. S. Kloet, abstracts of which appeared on pp. 5–6.

In addition, Dr. Skat Hoffmeyer, Bishop of Aarhus, exhibited specimens of the *Ortholitha mucronata* group, and Dr. E. Burtt exhibited a specimen of

the East African grasshopper (*Lamarckiana* sp.) and described its method of stridulation.

The following extract from a letter from Dr. Stanislaw Adamczewski of the Polish Museum of Zoology was read :—

Since the outbreak of the war in 1939, during all those long years, we lived here in Poland threatened by death at any moment. During five years I suffered lack of food and fuel. I had to suffer humiliations and hardships to be able to protect my Country and my Scientific Institution, *i.e.* the Polish Museum of Zoology, in particular the Lepidopterological Department. But all my efforts were in vain. My friends and collaborators, Dr. J. Kremky and Eng. M. Maslowski, died prematurely under German occupation. To our Laboratory which was saved from all war shocks during five years the Germans set fire deliberately on 2nd November, 1944. On that day all the lepidopterological library of 3000 volumes and all the systematic collection of lepidopterous insects (about 500,000 specimens) were burned.

In this way the results of the life work of my late friends and mine were destroyed. I am left alone and on my shoulders rests the task of restitution of all the work destroyed. I have no collections, no books and no instruments. My native country is at this moment so poor that it cannot help me in any way.

My most urgent need is for books. May I take the liberty to address myself to you in the hope that you might have among your books some spare duplicates of lepidopterological books and reprints. I should be most grateful to you if you would find it possible to let me have some of them, for they would enable me to resume my interrupted and chiefly destroyed work.

[Sgd.] Stanislaw Adamczewski.
(Keeper at the Polish Museum of Zoology.)

N. D. Riley, *Hon. Secretary.*

ADMISSION OF FELLOWS.

Any Fellow who has not been formally admitted to the Society under Chapter XIV, Section 4 of the Bye-Laws and attends the meeting on 20th March, 1946, is requested to inform the Registrar before 5.15 p.m. on that date.

The next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 3rd April, 1946, **at 5.30 p.m.**